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**Announcement of Grant Competition
for Utah's 21st Century Community
Learning Centers**



Under the No Child Left Behind Act, the Utah State Office of Education (USOE) is anticipating receiving Federal funding to be awarded through a competitive grant process for new 21st Century Community Learning Centers. These grants are open to school districts and nonprofit community- and faith-based organizations, public or private.

The purpose of the program is to provide five-year grants beginning in July 2009 to serve students and their families attending schools with poverty levels above 40 percent. 21st Century projects should be outside regular school hours and should provide academic support, enrichment activities, and community education.

More information about the grant process is available at <http://www.schools.utah.gov> under the Title I link. Interested parties are encouraged to read the Federal legislation and guidance for 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Letters of Intent are required and are due on **February 13, 2009. This form will be available on the Web site, as will details about the mandatory Bidders' Conference on **March 11, 2009**. Grant applications will be due to the USOE on **May 15, 2009**.**

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